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Cc: Mary Lou Terrien
Subject: Proposed Historic District Changes Under House Bill 5232

Dear State House Local Government Committee Members,

I strongly urge you to reject the changes to the state historic district laws proposed under House Bill 5232. Property owners have enjoyed the stability of historic district laws for decades. Those laws should remain untouched. The proposed legislation will effectively eliminate historic districts and break the promise of stability that was made to property owners.

Historic districts preserve the identity of communities and provide a stable base to grow property values. Many communities including Marshall, Plymouth, Lathrup Village, Bay City, Flint, Ann Arbor, and Ypsilanti depend on historic districts to spur carefully planned development.

My hometown, Ypsilanti, is a prime example of a successful historic district. Many businesses and families choose Ypsilanti for its unique and varied architecture that is protected by the historic district. Ypsilanti's historic district is vital to its recovery from the loss of manufacturing jobs. As mayor of Ypsilanti from 2006 to 2014, I have seen first-hand the value of historic districts.

Please preserve our historic districts and reject these proposed changes.

Thank you for your service to the state of Michigan.

Best regards,

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